

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Nicholas B. Mebberson et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for Applying a Film to a
Container Stopper

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 3, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group III (claims 27 through 62, drawn to an apparatus for applying a film coating to an end of a container stopper) for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I (claims 1-24, drawn to a method of applying a film coating to an end of a container stopper); Group II (claims 25 and 26, drawn to a container stopper and packaged product); and Group III (claims 27-62, drawn to an apparatus for applying a film coating to an end of a container stopper).

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21854-00060-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: March 28, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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